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Wergeland Kalender

- ◆ September 5, 6:30 pm
General Meeting and
Program, American
Legion
- ◆ Sept 10, 5:30 pm,
Board meeting at
Perkins on Hwy 16
- ◆ Sept 17, Deadline for
Budstikken articles
- ◆ Sept 26, Budstikken
mailed to members
- ◆ September 5, 6:30
General Meeting

POLL:

Would you like our "lunch" to be at the **beginning** of our meetings each month (rather than after the program as they are now)?

Let Dave know your thoughts at the next meeting or by emailing him at djglomstad@gmail.com



Fra Presidenten

It was good to get back together for our monthly meeting after taking July off. Our potluck supper was a great way to spend some social time together which is one of the hallmarks of our organization (mange tusen takk to all the great cooks in the lodge) and our program "Murder in Wisconsin, the Clara Olson case" by Larry Scheckel was tremendous. Hats off to the cultural committee for arranging another great program for us. Also, tusen takk to those who marched in the Kornfest parade in Holmen.

Following our August meeting, a suggestion was made that we should try having our lunch before our meeting on a regular basis as some other lodges do. The board discussed this at our board meeting and it was decided to get input from the lodge before continuing any discussion. I will bring this up at the September meeting but if you can't be there drop me an email and let me know if you have an opinion either way.

On the subject of meals at meetings, the result of our vote at the August meeting was that we should have a catered meal at the Legion for our Christmas party. The board is looking into various catering options but again let me know if you have any input on the event.

Finally, it's time for the nominating committee to gather and start putting together the officer slate for next year. I have informed the board that I do not intend to run for a seventh term as president so that position will be open and I am hoping that a volunteer will step forward so if you would like to fill that, or any other position, let Ramona or myself know. As I have said before, our lodge is a great place because of all the people who volunteer for jobs, big and small alike. Please consider serving as an officer in 2020, enjoy the fall weather and I will see you at the September meeting.

- Dave

**Next meeting: Thursday, September 5, 2019, 6:30 PM at the
American Legion, 711 6th Street, La Crosse, WI**



Program for September

Apple production in the Hardanger region of Norway

Lunch providers for September 5 meeting

Sandwiches (2½ dozen): Sally Olson, Darlene Erickson, Frieda Nowland, Karen Broadhead, Dee Johnson, Marilyn Silbaugh

Cakes (18 pcs): Laura Ira, Shirley Schoenfeld, Jean Davis, Mary Borreson, Fran Bateman, Elsie Olson, Marian Mickelson

Pickles (1 jar ea): Mary Sween, Pam Knudtson, Bev Ranis, Agnetha Ames

Members are asked to donate \$3 per person at the lunch table for lodge expenses.



September Birthdays

- 1 Barbara J Anderson
- 2 Alice C Gums
- 3 Carol A Pestel
- 4 Stanley M Berg
- 5 Florence Overgard
- 6 Paul Delbert Larson
- 6 Kent H Sween
- 7 Audra Lillian Benish
- 9 Teresa J Sacia
- 9 Kelli Marie Skogen
- 10 Cole M Newell
- 14 Joseph M Stekel
- 15 Mary Jane Berg
- 16 Donald H Fox
- 17 Waylon G Stokke
- 17 Orlando P Wadel
- 19 Annika K Mathison
- 22 Tia L Hrudka
- 22 Stanton M Jorgens
- 23 Doris J Hagen
- 23 David K Johnson
- 23 Morgan A Jostad
- 24 Maureen A Tostrud
- 25 Ruth J Jostad
- 25 Travis Clark Yenor
- 26 Alfred L Johnson
- 27 Lois A Preeshl
- 28 Cameron John Ender
- 28 Charles E Reimer IV

WANTED!! Volunteers to serve on the **Nominating Committee**. Please see Ramona if interested. AND, you know what comes next—officer position openings!! Please consider what post(s) you might like!

Program for October

How Sons of Norway began

Sekretær Notater...

Minutes August 1, 2019 General Lodge Meeting American Legion, La Crosse, WI

Social hour at 5 PM and pot luck dinner served at 6 PM. David Glomstad offered welcoming comments at 6 PM. Ron Nowland presented a table prayer and the meal was served.

At 6:40 President Glomstad opened the business portion of the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the three National Anthems. No new members were present and there were two guests introduced.

The minutes from the last general meeting were approved at the June Board meeting. There were no corrections presented so the minutes were filed.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Shirley Schoenfeld. Foundation cans were passed. David announced he had completed his 56 mile bike ride for the Wergeland Scholarship Fund and he will be taking pledges through the end of the evening. The Holmen Kornfest Parade is set for Saturday, August 17th, at 11.00 AM. We will be having a convertible in the parade and we need walkers also. Line up on Johnson Street at 10 AM.

David asked for nominating committee volunteers for 2020 officers. Please call the Vice President to volunteer.

Ramona Johnson passed out a ballot for each person in attendance to vote on their favorite venue for our December Heritage Dinner. The results will be shared and a decision made at our next Board meeting.

The Scholarship Committee awarded the annual \$200. scholarships to the following three students: Katarina Maria Gatica, Hanna Borreson, and Joshua Johnson.

Shirley Schoenfeld mentioned she has the 2020 calendars for sale for \$10. Marilyn Rudser promoted the Christmas Card reusable program where we send them to Veterans Hospitals.

July and August birthdays were asked to stand and the happy birthday song was sung to them.

Our next Wergeland meeting will be held Thursday September 5th at 6:30 PM at the American Legion, La Crosse. Our next board meeting will be held Tuesday, August 13, at 5:30 at Perkins in Onalaska.

The raffle drawing was held. Two people collected \$34.00 each and \$34.00 was presented to the general fund. The business meeting was adjourned at 7:10. There were 62 people in attendance.

Our entertainment for the evening was introduced by Carol Stekel. Larry Scheckel, who retired from teaching in Tomah, discussed and presented a slide show concerning the book he authored, "Murder in Wisconsin."

Adrian Johnson, Lodge Secretary.

Treasurers report from Shirley Schoenfeld: General Fund has a balance of 6728.90, which includes memorials and encumbered funds for dancers; Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$2575.50; Savings Account has a balance of \$18437.25. Total financial assets of \$27,741.65.

Til minner om...

...**Erling "Pete" Sherry**, (83) who passed away August 13, 2019. Pete had been a Wergeland Golden Member beginning his membership February 1978 (over 41 years). Our sincere sympathy to his wife, Annette, who is also a Golden member.

Gratulerer til...

...2019 Wergeland Scholarship Winners

Last week we met two of the three Wergeland Scholarship recipients. All three have successfully qualified for a \$200 scholarship. The third Wergeland scholarship recipient is **Joshua Johnson**.

Grandson of Wergeland members Adrian and Ramona Johnson and son of former members Carl and Lisa Johnson, Joshua writes:



I am studying Biokinetics at Bethel University in St. Paul, class of 2022. With this degree, I plan to attend medical school to fulfill my dream of becoming an orthopedic surgeon. I am grateful for this scholarship as I have a great interest in my family's rich history and love representing my Norwegian Heritage. Thanks much!

September Program: Norsk Frukthistorie sett fra Hardanger

Come and learn about historic and contemporary apple production in the Hardanger region of Norway. Dr. David Heine and his son Andrew will share their experiences of traveling each year to Norway to help with the harvest and to celebrate his family's rich tradition and culture at the Tokheim farm.

From the August Meeting:

Larry Scheckel and his wife, Ann, presented the Wergeland Lodge August program about the unsolved murder of a young Norwegian-American in the 1920's in Crawford County WI. Larry is the author of 7 books and lives in Tomah WI.



The Wergeland Lodge participated in the Holmen Kornfest parade on Saturday, August 17. Our representatives are pictured above and on the following page.



Dis og Dat



Gary and Pam Knudtson travelled to Norway from June 20 through July 7 to celebrate their 40th anniversary! Their children, Erik and Anne and partners accompanied them. They landed in Bergen and saw the sites and found relatives and family farms on the way to Oslo.

Dick Marking and Kathi Beane, along with her sister and brother-in-law, spent four glorious days in Door County and Washington Island. They ate well, chased lighthouses, and picked cherries. Kathi was born and raised in Wisconsin; this was her first trip to the peninsula!

NEEDED!

Marilyn needs 500 5x7 envelopes! She purchased a box of cards but the envelopes were not included. Please bring to the Sept meeting.

Also—she is looking for people to write Christmas notes to soldiers & veterans.



2020 Calendars

The 2020 Calendars are in, and sell for \$10 as before. Please see Shirley Schoenfeld or Marilyn Rudser to purchase yours. It is wise to get them early for yourself and as gifts because we will not be placing a second order. We can also order nice Scandinavian cards from Shirley. They are packaged 10 cards/envelopes for only \$5.00. She will have a package of samples for you to look at. The profits for the calendars and cards will be added to our General Fund.

Norskedalen events

September 8, Twilight Tour & Farm To Table Dinner

Norskedalen's history includes many colorful and memorable people who helped to shape the Coon Valley area of La Crosse and Vernon counties. Settled primarily by Norwegian immigrants, Norskedalen's existence is owed to people who had the foresight to preserve original log buildings, immigrant artifacts, oral histories, protect valuable natural resources in the valley, and create a place of education and understanding of the past and the future. Norskedalen's mission is to not only preserve the nature and cultural heritage of the region, but also to interpret it, and this is the purpose of the "Twilight Tour."

Norskedalen's Twilight Tours create fascinating and memorable evenings. As guides lead visitors around the grounds and homestead of Norskedalen, they will experience bygone times as historic figures share their story at the Bekkum Homestead. By leading visitors into the past, especially at that magical hour of twilight, Norskedalen events will bring the history to life.

Dinner and Music begins at 5:00 p.m. Tours begin at 6:15 p.m. Admission: \$50 per person; includes Dinner and Tour. Reservations are required for this event. Please call (608) 452-3424 for details. Member discounts are available.

From www.norskedalen.org/events/

Sons of Norway Mission Statement

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

Is Dual Citizenship an Option for You?

Norway's new citizenship rules will most likely begin in 2020—but what does that mean?

(Thank you to *The Norwegian American* for allowing a reprint of the following article written by Lori Ann Reinhall.)

During the month of May, Norwegians Worldwide (Nordmanns-Forbundet) held a series of seminars about the new laws on dual citizenship in Norway in major U.S. cities: San Francisco, Austin, Houston, and Seattle. In Seattle alone, over 150 were in attendance, the Sons of Norway Leif Erikson Hall filled to the brim with curious Norwegian Americans anxious to reinforce their ties with the home country.

The sessions were led by Norwegians Worldwide's acting Secretary General, Linn Helene Løken. Løken remarked: "We wanted to begin the tour in the United States, because it's historically very important for Norway and Nordmanns-Forbundet/Norwegians Worldwide. We have many members and chapters there, and over 4.5 million people in the United States are of Norwegian heritage. Considering the great interest I experienced on this tour, there will definitely be a surge of applications to reclaim Norwegian citizenship."

On Dec. 6, 2018, the parliament of Norway approved changes to the Citizenship Act that will allow Norwegians to hold dual citizenship, a move that brings Norway in line with much of the world. The changes, however, will not immediately come into effect. First, Norway was required to give the Council of Europe a one-year notice of the change, meaning that the new rules will most likely be introduced on Jan. 1, 2020.

In the meantime, Norwegian consular officials around the United States are getting ready to answer the many requests and questions that Norwegian Americans will have in regard to the new law. The rules will change both for those who already are Norwegian citizens, and for those who are applying for Norwegian citizenship. Here are a few common questions about the new law answered with information from the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration:

If I previously was a Norwegian citizen, can I apply to get my Norwegian citizenship back?

Yes, under the following conditions:

- You lost your Norwegian citizenship because you became a citizen of another country. This would be the case for Norwegian immigrants to the United States and Canada.
- The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration revoked your Norwegian citizenship because you did not renounce your original citizenship within the deadline you were given. This would apply to Americans living and working in Norway who wanted to become Norwegian citizens.



Do I need to live in Norway to get back my Norwegian passport?

No, you will not be required to live in Norway to get your Norwegian citizenship back. You will then be able to apply through a simplified application process.

What if I had dual citizenship from birth but failed to apply for retention (bibehold) before my 22nd birthday?

In this case, the law doesn't change, and it will not be so easy to get your Norwegian citizenship back.

What if I haven't lived in Norway for at least two years before turning 22?

If you became a Norwegian citizen automatically when you were born and you have not lived in Norway for at least two years, or in another Nordic country for at least seven years, before you turn 22, you will still lose your Norwegian citizenship automatically when you turn 22. Note that this is only the case if you are also a citizen of another country. If you are only a Norwegian citizen, you will keep your Norwegian citizenship automatically, even if you have never lived in Norway.

What if I am now a Norwegian citizen and wish to become a citizen of another country?

In the future, you will be able to retain your Norwegian citizenship and become a citizen of another country, but it is important to check whether the other country also allows for dual citizenship. In the case of the United States and Canada, dual citizenship is permitted.

Am I eligible to become a Norwegian citizen if I have Norwegian heritage?

Unlike in Ireland, there is no provision for people of Norwegian heritage (for example, an American with Norwegian grandparents) to become citizens; they must meet the full criteria for citizenship. Typically, any foreigner needs to reside in Norway with valid residence permits for seven of the last 10 years. Additionally, an applicant must have documented fluency in the Norwegian language and pass an exam on Norwegian society, laws, and history. *(continued on p. 6)*

Looking Back

Fem år siden (5 years ago) 2014

Our 2014 Wergeland Scholarship winners were Camerson Ender, Clarie Everson, Katiya Gobar, Joshua Johnson, Nicholas Jay Johnson, Ben Skogen, Zachary Stekel and Clara Sween.

Our September program, "Squirrel is Alive: A Teenager in the Belgian Resistance and French Underground," was presented by Denise Rastad. It was about the WWII resistance movement, a story of long-time Houston resident Mary Ros-tad's early life as told to LaCrosse author, Susan Hessel.

Ti år siden (10 years ago) 2009

Several members of our lodge are involved in organization and participation in the annual Oktoberfest Needlework Show. The show is sponsored by the Coulee Country Chap-

ter of the Embroiderers Guild of American. Ruth Korb and Carol Stekel are co-chairs in charge of the show this year. SON members Hjordis Helgestad and Anne Farming are also members of the Embroidery Guild.

Julia Ford introduced Cindy Olson, Sons of Norway Foundation Director from Minneapolis. Cindy gave us an overview of the Foundation's mission and the 2008 activities.

Femten år siden (15 years ago) 2004

Sports Medal Awards were presented to Helen Monson, Frieda Nowland, Eileen & Arnold Temte – Walking (Gold/Gold/Gold/Enamel); Eileen Temte & Frieda Nowland – Biking (Enamel/Bronze); Ron Nowland & Janet Melby – All Sports (Gold/Enamel).

A program about Edvard Grieg's life and examples of the variety of music he composed was presented by Walter Gilbert of Winona Nor-Win Lodge 1-505.

("Dual Citizenship" continued from p. 5)

With these changes, Norway is following a trend more in line with the realities of a new global society. "As we allow double citizenship, we are ensuring that Norwegian law follows developments in a more globalized world, with more and more connections to more countries," said Jan Tore Sanner, minister of knowledge and integration, earlier this year.

Without a doubt, the new law is a very welcome change to many Norwegian Americans who love their adopted country in the United States while maintaining close ties to their homeland in Norway. Dual citizenship will allow them to more easily work across borders, although there may be serious tax and retirement benefit implications.

For many Norwegian Americans, reclaiming dual citizenship is a very emotional, symbolic gesture. Even though they may not plan to live on Norwegian soil again, Norway is part of the "divided heart" of the immigrant. Åsmund "Ozzie" Kvithammer, who attended the session in Seattle, says he plans to apply for his red passport as soon as possible, that it will fill a gap he has felt for most of his life.

But Kvithammer's wife, Anne-Lise Berger, feels differently. For her, the passport itself does not mean much to her. While Norway will always be close to her heart and she will always be Norwegian in spirit, she has lived most of her adult life in the United States, and it is now her home.

To learn more about the requirements for dual citizenship, check the following websites, which will be updated as more information and application deadlines are posted:

- Norwegians Worldwide: www.nww.no/kategori/network/dual-citizenship
- Norwegian Directorate of Immigration: www.udi.no/en/word-definitions/dual-citizenship
- Royal Norwegian Embassy in the United States: www.norway.no/en/usa
- Royal Norwegian Embassy in Canada: www.norway.no/en/canada

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A little in English...

Oslo Loves Hot Dogs

For Norwegians, no soccer game or national holiday is complete without a couple of hot dogs in lompe with ketchup, mustard and crispy onions.

It is most common to serve hot dogs in lompe: a flat, soft pastry made from potatoes. On its own it is a little dry, but together with the hot dog they make a perfect flavor combination.

The hot dog stand also has a rich tradition in Oslo. It was the place you stopped to pick up a classic snack after work or on the way to or from a party.

In the old days, it seemed like there was a hot dog stand on every corner, but today there are very few left of the small booths that used to define the cityscape. Eventually, it became difficult and harder to compete with larger chain stores, with their wider offerings and longer opening hours, and most had to close.

Loved by The Guardian

But some have held their ground, and Erlend Dahlbo and his Syverkiosk on Alexander Kielland's Square is one of them. Syverkiosken has become a symbol of old Oslo.

Syverkiosken is a popular destination for hungry people throughout the day. Last year, the kiosk was mentioned in the British newspaper The Guardian, which described the hot dogs as "at once comforting yet also deliciously spiced."

It was his father who taught Erlend everything he knew to make the perfect hot dog. The trick? A secret broth that is boiled before the hot dogs are added. He jokingly refuses to reveal what the successful recipe consists of. Some secrets must be kept.

Whatever toppings you prefer: mustard, ketchup, crispy onions, dressing, bacon, relish, be assured that there is a hot dog for you!

Litt på Norsk...

Oslo elsker pølser

For nordmenn flest er ingen fotballkamp eller nasjonaldag komplett uten et par wienerpølser i lompe med ketsjup, sennep og sprøstekt løk.

Det er vanligst å servere pølsa i lompe; et flatt, mykt bakverk lagd av poteter. For seg selv er lompa litt tørr, men sammen med pølsa utgjør de en perfekt smakskombinasjon.

Også pøsekiosken har en rik tradisjon i Oslo. Det var stedet du kunne stikke innom etter jobb eller på vei til/fra fest for å få deg et klassisk mellommåltid.

Før i tiden kunne det virke som det lå en pøsekiosk på hvert gatehjørne, men i dag er det svært få igjen av de små bodene som pleide å definere bybildet. Etter hvert ble det vanskeligere og vanskeligere å hamle opp med større kjedekiosker med sine bredere tilbud og lengre åpningstider, og de aller fleste måtte stenge.

Elsket av The Guardian

Men noen har holdt stand, og Erlend Dahlbo og hans Syverkiosken på Alexander Kiellands plass er en av dem. Syverkiosken har blitt et symbol på det gamle Oslo.

Syverkiosken er et populært destinasjonssted for sultne folk gjennom hele dagen. I fjor ble kiosken nevnt i den britiske avisen The Guardian, som beskrev pølsene som "at once comforting yet also deliciously spiced".

Det var faren hans som lærte Erlend alt han kunne om å lage den perfekte wieneren. Trikket? En hemmelig kraft som kokes opp før pølsene legges oppi. Han nekter spøkefullt å røpe hva suksessoppskriften består av. Noen hemmeligheter må man få ha.

Uansett hva du liker å ha på: sennep, ketsjup, sprøstekt løk, dressing, bacon, agurk-mix, vær trygg på at det finnes en pølse for deg!

New Exhibit coming to the Norway House: NORDIC WARE: THE ART + SCIENCE OF THE BUNDT

From Twin Cities' family-owned and operated kitchen design and manufacturing company, Nordic Ware is undoubtedly known most for introducing the Bundt® pan, which can be found in over 70 million households around the world. Since its introduction in the early 1950s, the Bundt pan found its way into the hearts and homes of people everywhere, the Bundt® cake has become the quintessential American dessert--one that's become a tradition for countless gatherings and family celebrations. *From www.norwayhouse.org/gallery, where more information is available.*



Opening Reception: Friday, September 13, 6:00pm - 8:00pm \$10 General/\$5 Members

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Norskedalen Activities

Throne Visitors Center

Hours From May - Oct:
Monday-Friday from 9am--5pm
Saturdays 10am--4pm
Sunday from 11pm--4pm



Guided homestead tours, when a guide is available, will be at 10 am, 1 pm and 3 pm Monday through Saturday, and 1 and 3 pm on Sundays. Self guided audio tours will be available in any event.

Admission rates for all programs with the exception of Heritage classes is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, \$15.00 for families, and free for members of "Friends of Norskedalen."

Norskedalen Members may use the Norskedalen grounds 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. Member parking pass must be clearly displayed in front windshield while using Norskedalen grounds.

Non-members may only use Norskedalen grounds during regular business hours and must check-in with office staff to pay admissions and receive a wristband.

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